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TO AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE PRIORITY
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SUBJECT: TWO INDIAN STOW-AWAYS ON AMERICAN VESSEL

- 1. AMERICAN PRESIDENT LINES (APL) HAS ASKED DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN GAINING INDIAN GOVERNMENT'S ACCEPTANCE OF TWO STOW-AWAYS PRESENTLY ABORAD PRESIDENT FILLMORE.
- 2. THE TWO STOW-AWAYS APPARENTLY BOARDED SS PRESIDENT

MADISON ON SEPT. 25 IN VICINITY OF KUALU LUMPUR; STOW-AWAYS HAVE TOLD APL OFFICERS THEY WERE BORN IN MADRAS IN 1948, BUT WENT TO MALAYSIA AS STOW-AWYAS ON INDIAN VESSEL IN 1969. THEY HAVE NO VERIFYING ID'S. APL TRANSFERRED STOW-AWAYS FROM PRESIDENT MADISON TO PRESIDENT FILLMORE AS MADISON WAS LEAVING SOUTHEAST ASIA WATERS. PRESIDENT FILLMORE'S ETA SINGAPORE IS OCT. 5 AND APL UNCLASSIFIED

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WISHES TO TRANSFER STOW-AWAYS TO PRESIDENT TYLER WHILE

IN PORT OF SINGAPORE AS PRESIDENT TYLER'S ETA BOMBAY IS OCT. 20.

- 3. INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO DEPARTMENT IS THAT APL REPRESENTATIVES IN SINGAPORE HAVE CONSULTED WITH INDIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER SINGAPORE BUT APPARENTLY ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY OBTAINING INDIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER'S AGREEMENT THAT GOI WOULD ACCEPT THE TWO STOW-AWAYS UPON THEIR ARRIVAL IN INDIA.
- 4. ACTION REQUESTED. EMBASSY SINGAPORE PLEASE ASSIST APL IN GAINING GOS FACILITATION OF TRANSFER OF TWO STOW-AWAYS FROM PRESIDENT FILLMORE TO PRESIDENT TYLER. EMBASSY SINGAPORE ALSO ATTEMPT HAVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM INDIAN HIGH COMMISSION, SINGAPORE, INTERVIEW TWO STOW-AWAYS TO ASCERTAIN THAT THEY ARE IN FACT INDIAN NATIONALS. EMBASSY SINGAPORE PLEASE CABLE DEPARTMENT AND BOMBAY RESULTS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH INDIAN HIGH COMMISSION, SINGAPORE.
- 5. ACTION REQUESTED. BOMBAY PLEASE NOTIFY GOI IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES THAT TWO STOW-AWAYS WILL BE ARRIVING ABOARD PRESIDENT TYLER ON OR ABOUT OCT. 20 SO THAT THE IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES MIGHT ALSO INTERVIEW STOW-AWAYS AND IF CONVINCED THEY ARE INDEED INDIAN NATIONALS, ADMIT THEM TO INDIA. KISSINGER

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